

February 20, 2003

Ms. Elizabeth A. Rolando, Chief Clerk
Illinois Commerce Commission
527 East Capitol Avenue
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9280

Dear Ms. Rolando,

Enclosed please find the Joint Petition for Approval of the Fourth Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Ameritech Illinois and XO Illinois, Inc.

Please acknowledge receipt by returning the extra copy of this letter.

Sincerely,

Enclosures

STATE OF ILLINOIS
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

ILLINOIS BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY)	
(Ameritech Illinois))	
and XO Illinois, Inc.)	
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Joint Petition for Approval of Fourth)	
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Agreement dated February 13, 2003,)	
pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252)	

**JOINT PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF FOURTH AMENDMENT TO THE
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN
XO Illinois, Inc. and Ameritech Illinois**

Illinois Bell Telephone Company (“Ameritech Illinois”) and XO Illinois, Inc. through counsel, hereby request that the Commission review and approve the attached Fourth Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement dated February 13, 2003 pursuant to Sections 252(a)(1) and 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 47 U.S.C. §§ 252 (a)(1), 252(e), (the “Act”). In support of their request, the parties state as follows:

1. The Parties have agreed that the Interconnection Agreement be amended to provide for certain terms and conditions and have entered into this Amendment to set forth such terms and conditions.
2. Pursuant to Section 252(e)(2) the Commission may only reject a negotiated agreement if it finds that (1) the agreement discriminates against another carrier or (2) implementation of the Agreement would not be consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity. Neither basis for rejection is present here.
3. Copies of the Fourth Amendment are available for public inspection in Ameritech Illinois and XO ’s public offices.

WHEREFORE, Ameritech Illinois and XO Illinois, Inc. respectfully request that the Commission approve the attached Fourth Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement under Section 252(e) of the Act as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully submitted this _____ day of February, 2003

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STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF JOINT PETITION FOR APPROVAL

I, Kim Nations, am Director Witness/Negotiations for Southwestern Bell Telephone, LP d/b/a Southwestern Bell Telephone Company/Illinois Bell Telephone Company Negotiations and Interconnection, and submit this Statement in Support of the Joint Petition for Approval of the Fourth Amendment to the Negotiated Interconnection Agreement between XO Illinois, Inc. and Ameritech Illinois.

The attached Fourth Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement (the "Agreement") between Illinois Bell Telephone Company ("Ameritech Illinois") and XO Illinois, Inc. (XO) was reached through voluntary negotiations between the parties. Accordingly, Ameritech Illinois and XO request approval pursuant to Sections 252(a)(1), 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (sometimes referred to as the "Act").

The Amendment meets all the requirements of the Act and the Commission should approve it.

The Agreement is amended as follows:

- ◆ Replaces Appendix Performance Measurements to their Interconnection Agreement.
- ◆ This amendment shall not modify or extend the Effective Date or Term of the underlying Agreement, but rather, shall be coterminous with the underlying Agreement.
- ◆ Except as modified herein, all other terms and conditions of the underlying agreement shall remain.